

solve problems. That's why we're elected, that's why we have a Legislature. That's why, as society, we form together into government. Our job down here is to solve problems and I see recently that the World-Herald has talked about the fact that we have too many bills. They misread the issue. The issue is not having too many bills, the issue is having too many problems, too many problems that people care about and want something done about. And this Legislature responds to that by introducing legislation to solve those problems. Well, we have too many problems and, as a result, the World-Herald says we have too many bills. Well, this is going to be one less bill because we have one less problem. And sometimes you introduce legislation and you pass it and you solve a problem and we all know that that's ultimately what we see in legislation, hopefully, dealing with issues. But sometimes you don't have to pass legislation to solve problems. I cite Senator Weihing's bill on cholesterol, that he recently sent a memo around that indicates on Final Reading the bill does not need to be passed because, through that legislation, without it passing we have seen voluntarily the issue addressed that Senator Weihing brought to this Legislature. Other times, the mere introduction of a bill will solve a problem. The introduction of this piece of legislation has solved a problem. Without a hearing, without a need for a vote, without a need to be passed, LB 1012 has solved the problem as introduced to address dealing with problems in judges' retirement and, as a result, I ask this Legislature to vote to withdraw the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is, shall LB 1012 be withdrawn? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the withdrawal of LB 1012.

PRESIDENT: LB 1012 is withdrawn. Move on to General File, LB 514.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 514 was a bill that was introduced by Senators Schimek and Baack. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of last year. Mr. President, at that time it was referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Education Committee.